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The Populist Leader Replies to the Judge.

A RED--HOT CRITICISM.

Of The Judge's Political Household. And Charges of Party Faithlessness.

DOOR OF POPULISM OPENED.

To Judge Reagan and Those Who are Tired of the Failures of the Old Parties.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 24.—Hon. John H. Reagan: My dear judge—I have read your open letter to the public with a great diversity of emotions. I admire your elasticity, deplore your self-confidence and am astounded at your open bid for the prostitution of Texas manhood and Texas patriotism. For Judge Reagan personally I have the greatest respect; for Judge Reagan as a politician, an office-holder, a statesman, I am growing incredulous. You say political parties are "unavoidable in a free country like ours:" you then proceed to berate, abuse and misrepresent a large and reputable part of the people who have heretofore honored and trusted you, solely because they no longer subscribe to your non-progressive and superannuated policies of government.

If political parties are unavoidable in a free country, the conditions that create the necessity for their existence enjoin upon honest, loyal and patriotic men the observance of principle, an adherence to the convictions of honest judgment. The patriot serves his country, the demagogue himself and his henchman. There is nothing new in your tactics. In 1892 at Houston your party made a bid for the support of the honest, confiding yeomanry of this state and attempted to suborn their political consciences by preying upon their fears, their prejudices and appropriating their platform. How far this political wickedness prevailed the election of 1894 is a testimonial.

Your party can no longer deceive or delude by fallacious argument or false promises the people of this state. All philosophers agree that the second offense should be punished with greater severity than the first. In 1888 your party in Texas by force robbed the greenback party of its platform, and by force of party collar and party goading arrested the judgment and coerced the support of many manly men in Texas. In 1892 your party repeated the same experiment with the same results. Your platform promises made in these two memorable years stand unredeemed. They confront the democratic party now as being testimonials of their political perfidy and their betrayal of the people. I fear that I will not be able, without making this article too lengthy, to answer all your sophistries. You say:

"1. The democratic party, which represents among other things a strict construction of the federal constitution, the preservation of the rights of the states, the inviolability of the liberty of the citizens, economy in public expenditures and tariff for revenue only, with equal rights for all exclusive privilege to none; it represents opposition to monopolies, legal restrictions upon the power of corporate wealth, and favors gold and silver as the money of the constitution and as the standard and redeeming money of this country with equal privileges in the mints and equal legal tender qualities supplemented by paper converted into these metals."

I now propose to inquire how faithful your party has been to the code of principles so boldly formulated by you. The first subdivision I shall pass as an unmeaning platitude, worn threadbare by the party ward heeler, and for years laid up in the political hospital for repairs, if not already in the hands of the undertaker. It is now very generally conceded that the courts and not political parties construe the constitution.

The second subdivision, "the preservation of the rights of the states and the inviolability of the liberty of the citizen." What right has any state that the democratic party concedes? Within the memory of every man who reads this article a democratic president, in effect, declared martial law from Chicago to San Francisco, without color of excuse invaded states with federal soldiers and supplanted the constable with his writ by military order and bayonet; subordinated in a time of profound peace civil government to military despotism. All this under a democratic administration only a few months ago.

"The inviolability of the liberty of the citizens." I suppose that you mean to tell the people that no citizen shall be deprived of his liberty under democratic rule except by due process of law. Only a short time ago American citizens were cast in dungeons without indictment or conviction by jury, without even the form of constitutional trial or the observance of any due process of law, and the democratic party in possession of the government approved the tyranny and outrage.

Again in the last few days in the state of Texas, a democratic administration of which the judge is a member, marshaled at and quartered upon the people of El Paso state troops in violation of law and your platform, under the pretense of enforcing a law, the violation of which had not been threatened on Texas soil. And, if newspaper reports are to be credited, these soldiers made arrests without warrants and did many things violative of your platform and of the constitution, which you would strictly construe to suit yourself and your party emergencies, and did not desist until overwhelmed by the indignation of an outraged community.

Your third subdivision is, if possible, more cynical than the preceding. "Economy in public expenditures, a tariff for revenue only, with equal rights for all, exclusive privileges to none."

1. "Economy in public expenditures." The congress known in history as Tom Reed's billionaire congress cost this country about $1,000,000,000. It was succeeded by a democratic congress, elected on your platform. "Economy in public expenditures," and that democratic congress cost us $1,000,400,000. That democratic congress, elected on that platform, gave to each congressman a secretary to be paid for by the people, at $100 per month. They pensioned undeserving wealth, because of their survivorship of the illustrious and popular dead; they voted more undeserving pensions than was ever given by any congress in the history of this country.

I would like to ask the judge in this connection how many junketing funeral committees were you on while in congress and in the senate, that cost these people from $10,000 to $30,000 each? You now prate about economy in the expenditure of public money. If your rigid economy has been observed I would like to know how our taxes have grown from 12½ cents on the $100 to 45 cents on the $100, and a continuous and growing deficit every year, until now our debts exceed our state income by $500,000 or more.

2. "Equal rights to all and exclusive privileges to none." In your long service as senator and representative did your party ever repeal a law creating a trust, a monopoly, a special privilege? A democratic house, a democratic senate, a democratic president, yet we have the national banks, the sugar trust, the iron, the coal, the oil, the meat, the leather trusts. What is your platform declaration worth to a suffering people if, when in power, you never exemplify a platform virtue or redeem a platform promise? Special privileges are those that go to favorites, that the common herd do not enjoy.

When you were a senator you drew your salary; you were entitled to a secretary to be paid by these people at $100 per month. I hope you practiced the virtue of your preaching and gave that $100, not as a special previlege, but gave it to some deserving, worthy, poor constituent. I know, with your notions of economy and equal opportunities, you could not have done otherwise; the next time you write a letter to the people's party please tell us who was the privileged one.

"A tariff for revenue only." A democratic congress revised and enacted a tariff law. I suppose it suits you, you do not complain of it; you speak of this in connection with equal opportunities and no exclusive privileges. Do you know, judge, that the democratic party, in enacting that tariff law, literally betrayed every industrial man in the south? Do you know that under it all raw material produced by the farmer is free, and every article that he has to buy and consume is protected? This is democratic tariff for revenue. The people of Texas want none of it.

Your last subdivision provokes an incredulous smile upon every people's party man in Texas, and the exclamation of "Don't believe it!" from every intelligent free silver man in Texas, "Opposition to monopolies." I challenge you to name one your party ever killed or crippled; I challenge you to name one your party ever fought in earnest; I challenge you to name one your party ever restrained. They have been fostered and nurtured by the democratic and republican parties until to-day they stand conquerors and emperors of legislation by either party.

"Legal restrictions upon the power of corporate wealth." The people of Texas have been and are now complaining of the oppression, the discrimination and abuse of the exercise of corporate power by the railroads. You and your associates have been hunting a remedy. You at one time became the author of an interstate railroad commission, which matured into law: your party created a railroad commission in Texas, and you have been the presiding genius of this effervescent accident of demagogueism and advantage to corporate power. When Mr. Farley, when some merchant or shipper complains to you of the injustice done him, his trade or his locality, you take convenient refuge behind the interstate commission law, an act of your own creation. No man ought to be permitted in this day to take advantage of his own wrong or political mistakes. You talk about the people's party wanting to own the railroads and pursue this ownership to a most disingenous result.

I want to say to you now that the people's party will never operate and control the private property of any citizen or corporation.

Whenever it finds it necessary, from public policy to exercise paternal care over property or the owners of property, it will do so in a constitutional way, by owning the property or by regulating it by law enacted by law-makers duly elected. Your commission is a failure; every merchant, every shipper in Texas knows it. Your party has stagnated and burdened commerce. It has strangled to death railroad building and improvements in Texas; it has suspended investment, stopped the influx of both money and immigration, slandered the enterprise, liberality, intelligence, hospitality and common honesty of the people of Texas by your policies and your methods.

"You favor gold and silver as the money of the constitution and as the ultimate redemption money of the country supplemented by paper money."

There never was more veritable rot compressed into this amount of space. You say later on in this marvelous address that the democratic party has been in favor of free silver for twenty years, long before the birth of the people's party. And to emphasize this deceit you repeat it in your letter. I say there is not a democratic national platform from 1868 down to now that ever declared in favor of free silver. I say that in every democratic national convention from 1868 to now that when the question of free silver was an issue that it was voted down and out of the platform by democrats.

The mistake you make is in supposing the people of this state will take your utterance for a platform—your conviction for the judgement of the party. We measure your party by its platform, its theories enacted into law. Twice a republican senate, assisted by populist senators, have passed a free silver bill; twice the house of representatives has refused to concur or pass such a bill—once when you had a democratic majority of more than 100, and the last time when there was a republican majority, but about as many democrats voted against the bill as republicans voted for it. It was defeated twice by democratic votes. Your party repealed the Sherman act, which was the last statute that recognized the coinage of silver as money. Judge Reagan repudiates the democratic wing of the party that has failed to redeem these promises. Two swallows do not make a summer; one Reagan does not make a democratic party.

Why, judge, do you affiliate with a party in a free country, where party differences are unavoidable, that does not represent you or your state? Why not come to us and enjoy the sweet luxury of free thought, honest conscience and patriotic service? Why bind yourself to the juggernaut of bonds, gold standard, banks, tariff for protection, for the sake of office, a camping place at the pie counter? Judge Reagan, your party has been on the run for twenty-five years; you have no stopping places; there is not a party boarding-house keeper between 1876 and 1896 that has not suffered by your party default, your false promise. Every farmer, every laborer, knows the record of your party. Your party has demonstrated its incapacity for self-government. Your party is to-day an unconsecrated cemetery of dead promises and buried hopes.

You speak at length of the "traditions of your party and individual speeches made by members of your party" favoring the restoration of silver to an equality with gold as a legal tender, a debt-paying money and a metal of redemption. I suppose you refer to the speeches of Hon. John G. Carlisle and Roger Q. Mills. In behalf of the people's party I want to bring you up to date, and therefore refer you to the utterances, speeches and votes of these gentlemen for the last two years. Get out of your Rip Van Winkle sleep, quit traditions and superstitions and come down to practical politics and every day experiences.

Answer this question: If you had free, unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 to go into operation to-morrow, how much would that increase the volume of money with every silver mine and every mint in full operation for the next twelve months? Judge Reagan knows that the increase would be less than 75 cents per capita. Does he believe that increase in the volume of money would relieve the distres occasioned by the scarcity of money? The people's party says no. Judge Reagan's party wants a redemption money, gold or silver. This is dishonest upon its face. For every paper dollar circulated there must be an honest metallic dollar retired for its redemption. You could never increase equally the circulating medium by this method. Any other method is dishonest and false. One dollar of metallic money can not be made to redeem three or five dollars of paper money.

Judge Reagan states with much force the many things about which he agrees with us. You say you are in favor of an income tax—it is not in your platform; in favor of the election of senators by a direct vote of the people—it is not in your platform. You say your party is opposed to the retiring of the three hundred and fortysix millions of greenbacks—it is not in your platform, and the traditions and speeches of your leaders do favor the destruction of this money. You say your party opposes the increase of the national debt by the issue of interest-bearing bonds. It is not in your platform, it is not verified by the history of your party, it is not found in the traditions or in the speeches of your leaders.

Now, people of Texas, I appeal to you, who is to voice the democratic party—a democratic president, supported by a democratic senate, a democratic policy formulated into law, or the echo of a railroad commission, backed by a lot of disgruntled pie eaters in Texas?

If Judge Reagan and his faction want to escape responsibility from prevailing democratic policies, maintained by the regular democratic organization of the party, they should have the courage to come in open revolt and not perpetrated mutiny within the camp of the political brotherhood. Judge Reagan says his faction agrees with us upon many questions. We disagree upon two. He invites the populists to surrender to the faction he represents, the successful accomplishment of many remedies which he admits have been often promised and just as often betrayed. He asks two hundred thousand populists in Texas to desert their party with a national organization with a platform, and a following in every state in the union and annex ourselves to a questionable concern in Texas that has debauched for twenty years every industry, gradually increased the burden of taxation, defiantly spurned, for the spoils of office. Every platform, state and national; he asks us to surrender to a gang, to a platform he himself two years ago denounced and declared himself too honest to accept nomination for office on; he asks us to confide the destiny of our people to the keeping of a party which he denounces as pirates, robbers, plunderers and traitors.

I cannot refer to the judge's suggestion of government ownership of railroads further than to say that we do not propose to own them all. We only want trunk lines, and thereby become able to control freight rates. No government now owns all the the roads. Some own enough to control the cost of transportation. This is what we want.

Judge Reagan forgets that the democratic party in state convention two years ago in California declared in favor of government ownership of the Pacific roads. Perhaps he does not belong to that wing of the party. Judge Reagan admonishes the people against the patronage this policy would place with the party in power. Does Judge Reagan know that this government, as impersonated by a federal court in Texas, operated two thousand miles of railroad, employing, discharging and paying men for years, and during that time accumulated money with which to declare dividends, pay interest and spend nearly two million of dollars for net earnings in abutments and improvements?

If the government can thus operate a road and dispense its patronage it ought to forever silence your discontent over government ownership. He is willing to trust the corporations and stock-holders and hired managers of these corporations with this patronage but he is unwilling to trust the people. Railroad wealth management and patronage is safe with Huntington, Gould and company, but exceedingly dangerous when committed at the ballot box to the common herd. The people's party is willing to trust the voter; the politician prefers to trust the corporation, the banker, the monopolist and the combine. Herein lies an impassable gulf betwixt us and your party.

Again he tells us we want to loan money to the farmer, the producer and the land owner at 2 per cent. and here he comes with a stereotyped cry of "unconstitutional."

Do you remember the republican and democratic parties loaned to the national banks on government bonds 90 per cent. of their face value at 2 per cent?

Do you remember that the democratic and republican parties loaned to the Cotton Centennial at New Orleans one million five hundred thousand dollars without interest?

Do you remember that the democratic and republican parties loaned to the corporation conducting the world's fair at Chicago two million five hundred thousand dollars without interest?

Do you remember the democratic and republican parties loaned to the whiskey trust of this country all taxes due on whiskey and permitted it to store its goods in government warehouses and appointed officers to guard, gauge and care for them, to keep the books and deliver the goods as the taxes were paid?

When these policies were becoming laws the party you represent never questioned the constitutional power to do it in the courts of the country. When the masses from the simple walks of life ask government help you will cry out with one accord the people must sustain themselves, must not look to the government for aid or assistance.

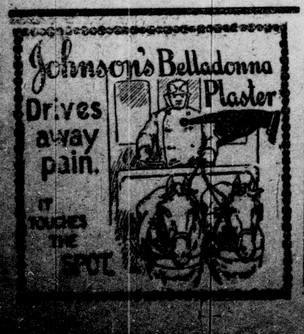
Now one word to my third party friends: You have trusted the democratic and republican parties with a loyalty and a fidelity worthy of a Roman; you have in humility experienced disappointment; you have repeatedly attested their promises and lived to see their falsification; you have seen your taxes grow, your products decline in value; you have seen the debt you owe grow in value, and your ability to pay diminish by one half; you have seen your school houses vacant and your farm peopled by your own uneducated offspring; you have seen the magic wealth of the few, the destitution and poverty of the many. If you want to perpetuate these conditions go with Judge Reagan and his party.

If you want reform; if you want to restore the country to its primitive prosperity; if you want to distroy caste and class as the creatures of law; if you want economic government; if you want free silver, more paper money; if you want no more bonds, no more gold reserves to protect Morgan, Rothschild & Co.; if you want a government by the people, then abandon the old parties and come with the people's party, an help us to make it democratic and patriotic, help us to expunge from our platform all that is hurtful or threatening, help us to reclaim our lost liberties, and help us to found anew the democracy of Jackson and the republicanism of Lincoln.

People's party men, do not dishonor yourselves, your homes, your party, by participating in the unholy, un-American methods employed by schemers, as evolved in the primaries called by the democratic bossos in June. Avoid this as you would the sting of the "adder." It is the poison of death, the price of personal and political dishonor.

With great respect, I remain your friend.

JEROME C KEARBY.



Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

At a recent prayer meeting, a Democratic brother prayed to God that the Democrats would hang together, who response a Populist present shouted fervently: "Amen! amen!" This made the Democratic brother make the following amendment to his prayer: "Not, O, Lord in the sense our Populist brother means, but in the spirit of concord and accord." "Any cord will do, good Lord; any cord will do," interjected the Populist.—Ex.

Viney Grove Populists.

A rousing populist club of twenty members was organized last Thursday night at Viney Grove (No. 1.) school house with R. G. Welch president, W. S. Crockett vice-president and Willard Howerton secretary.

W. L. Thurman of Denton was present and made a speech of great power. As a speaker Dr. Thurman is pointed, logical and at all times interesting. His dissection of the political situation and elucidation of the reforms advocated by the people's party did a wonderful amount of good for the cause in this community.

The membership of this club will be almost doubled as the roads were so bad only a few populists living near by could attend on the night of the organization. Its next meeting will be Saturday night March 7. Everybody is invited out. A. B. Cockrell and W. S. Crockett were appointed delegates to the central club meeting in McKinney next Saturday.

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The delight of going shopping is entirely unknown. If anything in the dry goods line is wanted a servant is sent to the shop, who brings home an armful of whole pieces of the desired goods. If none of these suit, or if the senora desires to look at others, these are carried back, and another and another armful is brought. This same servant can be trusted to pay for whatever is bought, for they are very honest in money matters, only indulging in small pilferings. One of the servants at the college was accustomed to go to the treasurer every month to draw the salary of the teachers, and she used to have each one's money wrapped up in a different part of her dress, and she never made a mistake in giving the wrong sum to anyone.

While the women are very affectionate, if death invades their homes, you do not see the despair and gloom that so often reign with us in like affliction; they seem to thoroughly take in their religious belief that their dear ones are translated to happier scenes and that the separation is only temporary. The women of the family do not go to the cemetery with their dead only the male members and friends. There are no hearses, and the coffin is borne on their shoulders, and they are relieved by different relays every little way. Colored coffins are used for young people, blue being a favorite color. The coffin is usually rented by the lower class, just for the funeral, and the body is removed at the grave and interred in the ground, with nothing to preserve it from contact with the earth. The wealthy have vaults, or niches in the brick wall surrounding the cemetery, but these are only rented, and it is nothing unusual to read an advertisement in the paper that if the relatives of such and such a one do not pay the rent of the vault the body will be removed by such a date.

After a death in a house the piano, if the family is rich enough to own one, is removed from the sala, or parlor, to the back of the house, and, though it may be moved in a room or two nearer its former station during the year, it is not opened for that length of time.

MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

On That Day There Was Born a Savior Who Is Christ the Lord.

Long, long ago, so far back that it cannot be definitely traced, the latter days of December were set apart for the festivities pertaining to pagan worship says the New York Mercury. Perhaps its earliest observance began with the celebration of the winter solstice and of festivities held in honor of Saturn and Bacchus. To-day Christmas is celebrated throughout the world not for its pagan ancestry, but for its meaning as the Christian festival of the nativity.

The keynote of Christmas joy is "Peace on earth, good will to men." The first Christmas day that ever dawned brought rejoicing in its wake. On that day there was born in Bethlehem, Judea, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. For those weary with sin, for those oppressed with sorrows, for the troubled in mind, for the weak and helpless he came. But not to these alone. To the joyful and happy ones, to those rich in this world's goods to the successful and prosperous he came. To the whole world he appeared. None was forgotten by him. And now to the outcast and to the weary one, to the rich man and to the joyful child he says the words: "Learn of me."

"If you suffer, Christ pities you.
If you be lonely, he is with you.
If you repent of sin, he will keep you in safety.
If you have great possessions, he says unto you,
'Give to the poor.'"

On Christmas day at least "let all wrath and clamor and evil speaking be done away" and let every one sing, with the heart, "Glory to God in the highest."

Millions of Salmon Eggs.

The California state hatchery on Battle creek made a phenomenal catch of salmon eggs this season. They took over 10,000,000 eggs and were catching them at the rate of 1,00,000 per day, when the storage capacity became overcrowded and the work was abandoned for this season.

Generalization.

The grandest generalization that the human mind has reached is God. Evolution is only a part. We are going on and on until the will of God is reached.—Rev. Samuel R. Calthrop.

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F. C. Thompson, Editor & Propriet'r
Walter B. Wilson, Local Editor.

Swing inward, O, Gates of the future!
Swing outward, ye doors of the past,
For the soul of the people is moving
And rising from slumber at last;
The black forms of night are retreating,
The white peaks have signaled the day,
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For Governor
JEROME C. KEARBY

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WHY don't the Collin county democratic chairman call his committee together and carry out the party recommendations? Hold up the hands of those in authority in party councils.—Farmersville Times.

Possibly Mr. Carpenter has come to the "parting of the ways" as he said he would, just after returning from that silver conference at Chicago some time ago, provided certain conditions prevailed.

REV. STOKES (colored) of Dallas has joined the populist party. At the head of a band he entered a populist club at Dallas and made a public declaration.

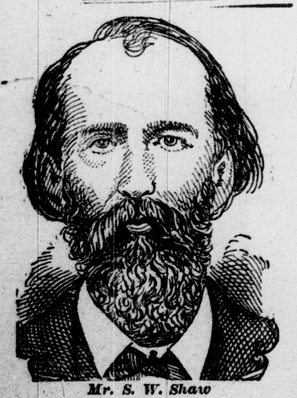
FRIDAY last the senate passed resolutions of encouragement to the Cuban insurgents. This is tough on Cleveland.

EVEN Mr. Whitney of New York declines a nomination for the presidency by the democratic party. He says that there will be a general breaking up of parties.

W. H. SPAUGH the chairman of the Oregon populist state central committee is a brother of J. A. Spaugh of this county who lives near Climax. Mr. Spaugh of Oregon writes to the Missouri World an encouraging report of populist growth in his state.

THE editor of the Wylie Rustler says that he has been solicited to make the race for the legislature. Don't accept, Tom; your party should not sacrifice so much talent for such an humble office.

EVANS of the Van Alstyne News, an "office seeker," answers Kearby's reply to Reagan most vigorously and "consistently" by calling Kearby a liar. That's right, Evans, go at them "red-eyed." Your party can always use such politicians as yourself.



Mr. S. W. Shaw
Greenville, Tex.

I Cannot Say Enough

For Hood's Sarsaparilla. I would not be without it in my house. I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for dizziness in the head, or, as some people call it, an overflow or rush of blood to the head.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

Be Sure to get Hood's

Hood's Sarsaparilla has kept me all right ... I will recommend it to my friends." H. [illegible], Texas.

REAGAN published a letter inviting the populists into to the democratic primaries, but the boys at the "forks of the creek" are declining in numerous letters now being fired at the Judge.

There is about to be committed another crime against the people of the United States at Washington. It is only a matter of time when the committee, which has in its possession the Northern Pacific railways question, will report favorably to refund the enormous debt due the government by the said railroad. C. P. Huntington the heartless millionaire has his lobby on hand at Washington. This railroad is in default to the government the sum of $70,000,000 in interest alone, and now it asks a fifty year lease and in all probability will get what it asks for. In the face of all this we hear strutting galoots, even in McKinney, who say that it will burst the government to buy up a few trunk lines of railroad or to build them. Government ownership of public highways is the only true solution of the question. Just think of the railroad officials of the Northern Pacific who have grown immensely wealthy off of the government and now ask fifty years more to draw immense salaries for themselves and posterity. Talk about paternalism! This government not only feeds and clothes a gang but it makes millionaires out of them. Debts of hundreds of millions are refunded to a gang of robbers while thousands upon thousands of toilers are unable to pay their taxes and instead of getting a new lease they are dispossessed of the vestige of prosperity. It will take a dissolution of old parties and a new alignment to correct these evils and it should be done in 1896.

United Confederate Veterans.

Throckmorton Camp, No. 109, United Confederate Veterans, met at the courthouse in McKinney, Texas, Feb. 29, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m. Commander Capt. W. A. Rhea, presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

It was ordered that the adjutant make out from the last annual rostor a list of all the members within the jurisdiction of each sergeant and forward the same to the said officer at once, with instruction to collect the annual per capita tax of 25 cents from each member of the camp and from any other veteran not yet enrolled, and forward the same to H. C. Herndon, treasurer, at McKinney by March 25th. It was ordered that the commander forward the amount ($203.50) collected for the Jeff Davis monument to the treasurer of the association at once.

Commander Rhea, B. H. Oats and H. C. Mack were appointed a committee of this camp to select committemen for the various portions of the county, to see after the May memorial festival and issue an address to the people of the county explanatory of its objects.

An appropriation of $1 from the general fund was made to supply the adjutant with needed postage stamps etc. Camp adjourned to meet again on March 28 at the court house at 1:30 p. m. W. A. RHEA commander.
R. A. MCLARRY Adj't.

Miss Bessie Wolford of Allen is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Cook.

MississipPi Cullings.

A number of our young people attended Prof. Striplin's literary exercises at Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Aycock were the guests of Mrs. Grisham Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Grisham, who is taking music lessons in farmersville visited her home here Sunday.

A new road has been opened from the store through Mrs. Womble's farm.

Wade Woodall gave a dance last week.

John Monger has returned from Greenville and his daughter Miss Dollie is again in school.

T. M. Hinsley paid Sister Grove another visit Sunday.

Miss Leila StClair was guest of of Miss Mollie Womble Sunday.

Little Miss Effie StClair spent Saturday night and Sunday at her uncle Elisha Woodall's.

Mrs. Liew Womble visited Mrs. StClair last week.

T. M. Hinsley spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. StClair Saturday.

LILY.

Phelps (dem) made a rush at a brother member of the Kentucky legislature with an open knife one day last week. Many imitators may flourish their keen Jack knives in mad thirst for glory, but Barlow Bailey stands preeminently and unchallenged the original in that line of argumentative (?) conquest.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex., Jan. 24, 1896, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Banks Lee	Hill Mary
Bagley Mollie	Horn S E
Board Sarah	Lewis Mattie
Bush Maggie	Magle M
Compbell Mar- [garet	Mamons Lizzie Wadkins Emm
Davis Amanda	Wood Clara 2
Denton Emma	

GENTLEMEN.

Allen W E	Hase George
Blankenship M F	Henry James
Beaty James	Horn Tommy
Bonon R L	Holman R L
Claycomb W L	Huddleston M V
Coffee Jess	Harris George
Crockett Bill	Kerr J E
Crockett Wm	Lyn S B
Crockett C L	Mamons J C
Drake R L	Mayden J C
Duncun Floyd	Mamond Joe
Dinsken Earon	Manons Will
Edwards Chas	Manes Will
Trantham John	Milroy A A
Galany Walter	Niman John
Hawkins Church	Neice Emma
Harrison W A	Pinkelton San-
Reneau T A	Porter C A [ders
Renoe Bob	Rise Sarah C
Walker Lillie	Ross J D
Smith Homea	Walker Tom
Hannah J H F	

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

MRS. M. A. CAMERON,
Postmistress.

Zichner's Fruit Cake Contest.

I have a fine $20 fruit cake now on exhibition at the Star Bakery which will be given to the most popular young lady in McKinney. Every 5 cents you spend in the Star Bakery for bread, cakes or cigars, I will give you a ticket entitling you to one vote in this contest.

Contest begins March 1st and ends at 6 p. m. March 31st.

A ballot box will be found at Erwin & Fant's drug store in which to deposit the ballots.

The ballots will be counted each day and the result will be published from week to week in The Democrat until the contest closes. A. ZICHNER.
Prop'r Star Bakery.

Hickman Happenings.

Mar. 2, '96.

Mrs. T. A. Bailey visited her sick daughter, Mrs. Young, at Celeste recently.

Mrs. R. D. Hickman and two of her children have been on the sick list.

Hamrick & Price are arranging to rebuild their gin.

Chairman R. D. Hickman has called on populists of North Farmersville to meet Saturday Mar. 7, and organize clubs. Hon. Tom Tilson will speak at Hickman on the night of that day.

D. I. Hayne and Mrs. E. I. Franklin were married here recently. Eld. C. H. Newlin officiated. P. P. P.

February Rainfall.

The following is the rainfall of February as registered by C. B. Moore, at Ad Valorem, 6 miles north of McKinney:

	Inches.
2	.875
12	1.125
21	.875
Total	2.875.

Miss Maude Smith of Walnut Grove returned home Monday after a brief visit in McKinney, the guest of Misses Josie Talkington and Josie Davis.

Miss Rosa Bassino of Paris is the guest of Mrs. Dink Estes in this city.

A Milliner from the east will soon arrive in McKinney to take charge of the Mississippi Store millinery department.

One hundred and seven teachers were present at the county institute Saturday in this city. J. R. Hendrix of Plano was elected summer normal instructor for this year. The normal meets next July and will continue for two months.

Miss Annie Dowell returned to school in Dallas, Tuesday, after a brief visit to her father R. F. Dowell in McKinney.

E. W. Kirkpatrick and Capt. John Johnson, attended the fifth congressional executive committee meeting which was held in Sherman Monday. The twenty second of May was the date set for the congressional nominating convention and Sherman the place.

RELIGIOUS.

Princeton is to soon have a new Methodist church. Mrs. Harriet Wilson started the subscription with $115.

The monthly business meeting of the Epworth League was held Tuesday night. Scott Allison and Bob Benson were elected delegates to the state conference at San Antonio, and J. B. Rogers and Emil Peters alternates. It was also decided to invite Rev. J. W. Hill of Gainesville to deliver a lecture in this city in the near future.

We often sing these beautiful words, "Only remembered by what we have done." This is not simply a sentiment for, for our kind, thoughtful friends of the Cumberland Presbyterian church sent us a most bountiful and excellent dinner to-day, showing that they remembered a brother preacher at a most opportune time, and he thanks them most heartily and in turn will ever remember them for "what they have done" in His name thus being blessed themselves and conferring a blessing upon me and mine, as our friends of the Christian church did a week ago, and for which I thanked them in last week's papers.

REV. G. A. RUSSELL.

An Insult.

A dignitary of high rank in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, took occasion in the Methodist church in this city last Monday night to wantonly traduce a large portion of the membership of his denomination because their poltiical views did not conform with his own aristocratic and monarchical ideas. Probably this man, who poses as a consecrated herald of the meek and lowly Nazarene, does not know that almost, if not quite, fifty per cent of the good people of Collin and Hunt counties, in which his district wholly lies, belong, politically, to that class whom he groups in the same category along with besotted drunkards and any other type of unfortunate humanity not worthy the commonplace title of "respectable citizen, much less a Methodist." And probably he does not think that these people will hurl back and resent this unprovoked insult. No one will gainsay that a large portion of this element, contemptuously sneered at as "third party" by this preacher, belongs to the Methodist church and contribute their honest means to his support. The Methodist Episcopal, Church South, does not represent any such intolerant spirit of bigotry this presiding elder by virtue of his official position imputes to it when he gives utterance to the calumny.

The presiding elder and not the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should be held responsible and rebuked for his rashness.

Rev. Joel S. Graves of the Anna circuit is working hard and earnestly for the upbuilding of his work. More than $300 has been secured on the parsonage which will be erected in Anna at once, and ere the year closes a new church will have been built at Princeton. If the members of Rev. Graves' circuit stand to him his zeal will accomplish much for Methodism during the year 1896.

Cuba has been a source of trouble to the parent country for the past two generations, and has more than once came near involving this country and Spain in war. Uncle Sam should now put this beyond the possibility of recurrence by running his hand down in his pocket and buying the island. It is the key to the Gulf of Mexico, and can not, under any circumstances, be allowed to pass into the hands of a maritime power. In fact, in case of war between our country and any naval power, the occupation of Cuba by the United States would be an imperative necessity. This course, in a time of war, might bring up complications unfavorable to us. So the best plan is to step in and buy the island, take possession of the Moro castle at Havana harbor, and the harbor of Cienfugas. This will make us masters of the Mexican gulf, and not only afford complete protection to 1800 miles of sea coast, but save untold millions that, without Cuba, must be spent in in sea coast defenses.—McKinney Enquirer.

ROYAL Baking Powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report

Parker News.

Feb. 29, '96.

Farmers are very much behind with their work. Some few have oats to sow yet.

J. F. McCreary died of pneumonia last Wednesday morning. Burial at the Maxwell cemetery, Rev. B. L. Hunter conducting the services. The remains were then taken in charge by the Knights and Ladies of Honor and the ceremony conducted according to their ritual.

A literary was organized at the school house, last night, with B. L. Hunter, president; Jap Wood, secretary and Miss Cora McMillen editor.

A brass band is talked of at Parker. There is also talk of a new Methodist church, a new store house and K. and L. of H. hall.

A C. M. A. lodge will be organized here this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilson on last Tuesday night entertained a few invited friends. The following couples were present:

J. N. Wilson and Miss Ida Smith,
J. L Johnson " " Rebecca Knight
Claude Branch " " Emma Oxford,
Id Knight " " Effie Wilson,
Ernest Cannon " " Laura Gaines,
W. A. McGuire " " Eula Haley.
L. R. Hendrix " " Essie Haley;
Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Knight.

YOUR CORRESPONDENT.

Foss's Origin of Man.

A small book with above caption is on our table. The author is Nelson Orlando Foss. It sets forth, and fully proves, that man was not made of the dust of the earth, nor was he progenerated by apes; he came from heaven. This book fully elucidates how, where, and about when our ancestors were first landed on this earth, from a sister voyager in space. It is the greatest discovry of all times with reference to the human species. This book will be wanted by every person who knows the art of reading. It is sent by mail to any address for 50 cents, by E. E. Foss, publisher, Big Stone City, S. D., and Ortonville, Minn.

PRINCETON PICK-UPS.

New Parsonage—First Year's Mortuary Statistics—Triplets

Mar. 2, '96.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Reed have another addition to their family circle; a little daughter arrived Saturday, Feb. 22.

Mrs. Mead and Miss Lizzie Mewer were shopping in McKinney Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cullum returned to their home in Farmersville Friday, after spending several days with Mr. Cullum's sister, Mrs. S. H. Guffer, whose baby was at death's door during the past week, but at this writing is improving.

Some men justify any means for the accomplishment of their ends. This class of citizens may be good people but the question is susceptible of the widest range of discussion.

W. W Bates enclosed his lot in Princeton cemetery with a neat and substantial fence last week.

The first interment took place in Princeton cemetery Feb. 20, 1895. Up to February 25, 1896, fifteen bodies had been buried there.

Dr. Boorman reports triplets, two sons and and a daughter, at the home of G. S. N. Seaton.

Rev. Joel S. Graves delivered a good sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, from the time honored text of "The prodigal son."

Bro. Graves' unceasing efforts to secure a home for the pastor of Anna mission have been successful and the house is now under course of erection at Anna.

Levi Brannum and Miss Amanda Mewer were united in marriage by Rev. J. B. Wetman, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, 1½ miles north of Princeton.

A pleasant musical entertainment was given at the residence of D. C. Efird last Friday evening.

A. J. Aycock and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Verona.

At present writing gloomy, foreboding clouds again frown threatenly upon us and the indications of the elements bespeak a renewal of the disagreeable weather, rain and mud.

HPESOJ.

Thurman At Bowlby.

W. L. Thurman spoke to a crowded house at Bowlby last Friday night in the interest of the peoples party. He made a splendid impression and after the conclusion of his speech a large list of names were signed for the organization of a Populist club next Saturday night. (Mar. 7)

Ex-Democratic Farmer.

Blue Ridge Mar. 2, '96.

To THE DEMOCRAT:

As I promised in my last letter to investigate the platforms of the three parties to see which one, if enacted into a law, would be of the most benefit to the farmers of Collin county, and also to see which party has honesty in carrying out their demands, if a chance is given them. For the willingness to carry out the demands of a political party goes a long way towards making it the party for the people to trust with their suffrage.

Now we will first notice the democratic party as it is the one now in power. The first democratic platform meant to advocate the power of the people, hence its name, demos and cratos (meaning the power of the people). It elected a president on that platform who was a democrat in name and in truth, Andrew Jackson. He was a reformer in the strict sense of the word. The administration preceeding his proved recreant to their trust, and judging from the removals in office when he took the reins of government, Jackson favored the election of president and vice president by a direct vote of the people. He was hostile to the national banks. So much so that when the bankers sent a committee to him to tell him what he must and must not do about the finance of the country, he told them that he would carry out the wishes of the people if it busted h—l out of their banks, and he and the balance of the democratic officers carried out the demands of their platform as to monopoly.

Now I am told that I have left the democratic party which I deny. Now let us see if the so-called democratic party to-day carries with it the power of the people, does it carry out the demands of its platform. Its platform promises us relief, but unhappily for people, the confidence we had in them when we voted them into absolute power, when they could have enacted any law they wished, they brutally betrayed us and are now selling us into bondage and slavery by issuing bonds by the millions and hundreds of millions. Do the farmers realize the vast amount of interest we will have to pay for the use of this last hundred million that was borrowed by our VERY dis-honorable Grover? Farmers please figure it at 4 per cent and see how much it is each day. We must have a knowledge of our doings if we know how to make a change for our interest and the welfare of our families, and tell me who eventually has all of this money to pay.

I am told that we want this gold so we can make gold payments, thereby restore confidence, and keep up the credit of the nation. Now if anybody believes this rot I will borrow or get $10 each day from him on a credit, and the more I borrow of him the greater confidence he will have in my ability to pay and the better my credit is with him. It is only a scheme to deceive us.

EX-DEMOCRATIC FARMER.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss
LUCAS COUNTY

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

{ SEAL } A. W. GLEASON.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonial, free.

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Sold by Druggists, 75 c.

Calamity City.

Feb. 29, '96.

Rain, mud, measles, la grippe and pneumonia with a few other little annoyances have crossed our pathway and destroyed the tranquillity of our little village.

Will Dixon, wife and two children, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Dudley are on the sick list this week.

Jimmie Gray has been quite sick but is up again.

Miss Belle Willer, of Midway, visited friends in our vicinity last week.

Hugh Quillin, of Alabama, after several month's absence, is again mingling with his many friends of our town.

Allen Stanford and family, of Copeville, visited relatives here recently.

Prof. Striplin, of Midway, was in our town, Sunday, visiting his sister, Miss Ola.

Farmers generally are a little discouraged over the gloomy prospects for the future.

Oh, a wonderful place is our little town,
Climax, it has been named;
From east to west, from pole to pole
We've tried to spread its fame.

Its streets are paved with pure black wax,
No bridges long and wide;
And when you go to cross them
Be sure you do not ride.

Our school teacher is a real nice man.
At all times very jolly;
He works from morn till close of day
And is never melancholy.

Our people sing, preach and pray
From early morn till dark;
Our boys and girls are jolly
And happy as a lark.

Peace, health and happiness reign supreme,
A crown wealth cannot buy,
And if you doubt our word on this
Just come yourself and try.

When evening shades of life shall gather,
And we lay aside our battle axe,
We hope to rest beneath the daisies
In the quiet town of Climax.

HAZEL EYES.

PLANET Jr SEED DRILLS
And Cultivators.

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HARDWARE, CROCKERY AND FLOWER POTS.
Up to the times from the Cheapest to the Finest Ware.
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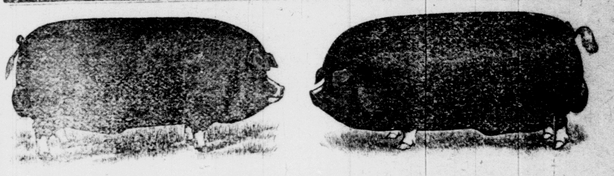

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POLAND CHINA HOGS.
Headed by B. U. S. Perfection, Jr., of the famous B. U. S. family. Pigs of either sex. Gilts bred. Boars ready for service. All of the choicest strains and breeding.
Write or call on me at McKinney, Texas.
T. M. WILSON.

JERSEY BULL Ridicule, Pedigree No. 30024: a fine Jersey Bull bred by Campbell Brown, of Spring Hill, Tennessee; will make the season at my farm near Climax, Texas. Terms $2.50 for the season.
J. A. SPAUGH,
Climax, Texas.

WILCOX & ROGERS
.... Have on hand a large supply of ....
Seed Potatoes,
OF ALL KINDS
Onion Sets, Garden Seeds, Millet and Sorghum Seed
which they are selling at close prices. See Wilcox & Rogers for
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They are in the swim with
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Successor to Lewis & Ditto
Has a Large Stock of Sugar, Flour,
Seed Potatoes, Onion Seed.
Large variety of Onion Seed and Garden Seed in bulk, and a complete line of GROCERIES which were bought in large quantities at lowest obtainable price for cash, therefore he is in position to save you money. Do not fail to see him before buying anything in the Grocery line.
Special Prices on Tobacco.

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Prices and Terms Reasonable.
J. T. COUCH, Agt
Bingham Block.
McKINNEY, TEXAS.

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CAMP AND CO.

CITY ELECTION APRIL 6.

We are authorized to announce

For Marshall.
SAM BURKS.
CHIEF WARDEN
W S PHILLIPS

For City Assessor and Collector
T. L. McMULLEN.
R. B. DAVIS
WASHTAYLOR

For City Attorney
HUGH McCLELLAN
J. M. MUSE

For Alderman
J K P SHRADER, 1st ward
J G BARNES 2d ward

ELECTION NOV. 3.

We are authorized to announce

For Constable, Ind'nt., Precinct No. 1,
MARVEL WILLIAMS.

Subject to the action of the democratic party.

For Constable Precinct No. 1.
HARRY McDONALD.
J. C. BOONE.
J. E. CAMPBELL.
J. C. KERBY

For Justice of Peace Precinct No 1
J. T. ANDREWS.
J H FAULKNER

For District Court Clerk
E R HALL

For County Clerk
J. A. WALDEN

For Co. Supt. of Schools
W. W. SHEPHERD

To Candidates Of All Parties.

If you desire to have your name placed before the many readers of THE DEMOCRAT why, just send us word or call and see us. We charge regular rates, but do not desire to constantly bore you to get you to announce with us. If you think it is of any advantage to be represented before our large list of subscribers of course you will announce in THE DEMOCRAT.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Concerning People and Home Events of Interest to All.

Walter Lindsay of Sherman spent Sunday here.

KNOCKED OUT!—all competition by Denton's Pharmacy.

Charlie Foutts came up from Dallas this week.

John G. Davis, Jr., of Dallas spent Sunday with relatives here.

Ditto's for special prices on tobacco.

Orchards in Texas are already in full bloom.

Miss Lena Webb of Pilot Point visited in this city last week.

M. P. McMinn of Nevada was in McKinney Friday.

Mrs. Harriet Wilson, has our thanks for renewal of subscription

Another large shipment of cattle left McKinney this week for chicago in charge of Jesse Atkinson.

Don't neglect to attend the central club meeting in McKinney Mar. 7th

The roads east of town are in a deplorable condition in many places owing to the continued wet weather.

Mr. Hinkle, of the Panhandle, was in McKinney last week He at one time resided here.

M. C. Gantt, one of Long Neck's best young farmers, was in McKinney Friday.

County Tax collector, A. W. Kinghton is one of The Democrat's latest subscribers.

Our McKinney merchants are receiving large consignments of spring goods every day now.

Condition powder for hens, poultry and cattle at Smith Bros.

J. F. Stinson was on our streets Monday.

Miss Lida Honaker returned to Farmersville Tuesday

Miss Gracie Hendrix returned to Farmersville to-day.

R. G. Hughes will canvass Collin county selling the Estey and other leading makes of organs and pianos.

Joe Wilcox and bride of Lebanon spent Sunday with relatives in McKinney

Vineland school closed last week. Miss Mattie Horn, teacher.

W. E. Ditto has purchased the Gid Dowlen stock of Groceries on East Virginia street.

Zichner's $20 prize fruit cake is a beauty. Call at the Star Bakery and see it.

Ditto's for best northern flour. Every sack guaranteed.

A fusilade of pistol shots sounded another false fire alarm in our city Tuesday evening.

FOR SALE:—A high grade organ. Call on The Democrat.

James L. Wood, who figured in a Dallas shooting scrape last week once resided in McKinney. In the difficulty wood shot his adversary in the arm.

James E. Malone, living a few miles east of McKinney enrolled his name on The democrat's subscription list.

Miss Ethel Cox, returned to her home in Anna this week, after a pleasnt visit here to her sister, Miss Blanch Cox.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A Pure Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Lime, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

J. R Brown had a leg badly bruised by his horse falling and throwing him against a log.

It is rumored that another county republican convention will be called March 28 The convention, if called, will be held by the reform republicans as rumored.

That cough of yours may become serious; why neglect it when a bottle of Dr. Simmons Cough Syrup will cure it. Fifty doses for fifty cents. Satisfaction guaranteed. For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

The caricature of the McKinney papers, editors and candidates in the Mississippi store's show window was an object of much mirth to the passers-by this week. Dink Estes is a record smasher as an artist in this line.

WANTED—A reliable lady or gentleman to distribute samples and make a house-to-house convass for our vegetable Toilet Soaps. $40 to $75 a month easily made. Address Crofts & Reed 342 to 850 Austin Avenue, Chicago, Ills

Miss Johnston of St. Louis will arrive in McKinney Monday to assume the management of the Tennessee Store's millinery department during the coming season.

The man whom J. L. Woods, formerly of McKinney, shot in Dallas recently died and Woods was rearrested, His examining trial was set for yesterday. Frank Wilcox, Plummer Harris and Dr. Joe Bryant of this city are in attendance upon it.

Palace Car paint covers 75 per cent more surface, looks better, lasts longer and makes the finest finish of any paint in the market. Sold under an absolute guarantee by J. M. Wilcox & Son.

Garrett Darland of Stiff Chapel community was adjudged insane in this city Saturday. He is confined in the county jail and will be sent to the asylum.

Miss Margie A. Fulenwider will arrive from St. Louis about the 10th inst. to take charge of the millinery department of the Kentucky store.

If you want your horse to feel good and be healthy, go to Smith Bros.' and get a package of the best powder on the market.

G. W. Shelton, Culleoka; B. L. Gullege, Allen; W. B. Hardin, McKinney; G. F. Lane, McKinney; A. Hooper, McKinney, Willard Howerton, Melissa; J. E. Malone, McKinney and E. A. Winn, of Allen have had their names enrolled on The Democrat's subscription list since our last issue.

Now is the time of year to feed your chickens copperas, assafoetida, etc., also to disinfect their nests. Your needs will be supplied at Smith Bros.

C. H. Wray, tailoring agent, has a fine line of samples displayed in the Bingham block.

Sheriff J. L. Moulden visited his son, Robert in Add-Ran university last week who is confined with the measles. Ben and Leonard accompanied their father.

The cut and fit of the BUCKSKIN BREECHES alone make them better than any other jeans pants. When you consider good wear and workmanship, then these pants are so much better than any other make that they'd be cheapest even if they cost double as much as the common goods. Best of it is, they cost the same as poor pants.

A daughter of J. A. Evans at Farmersville died last week She was bright and lovely and her death saddened the hearts of all who knew her.

A car load of the well known Sherwin Williams paint just received at the
City Drug Store.

E. W. Kirkpatrick of this city was indorsed by the Montague county populist convention as presidential elector. A good choice; we second the indorsement.

Monday was Texas Independence day. The holiday was not generally observed in McKinney, however.

Dr. Simmons Cough Syrup is only fifty cents a bottle and contains fifty doses; try it, and if you are not benefited your money will be refunded. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons Jr., Med. Co., Sherman, Tex. For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

We are yet looking for that wood on subscriptions.

George Trotter, who has been assistant principal of the Elite ridge school, left Saturday for his home in Missouri. He is succeeded by Scott Hamm.

A Mr. Horton of Farmersville was tried before a jury in this city Monday and convicted of lunacy. He has been to the asylum seven times before.

The body must be well nourished now, to prevent sickness. If your appetite is poor take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

See W. S. Terrell's announcement in this issue of The Democrat for city attorney. Mr. Terrell has been in the law office with Smith and Evans for three years. He is competent to fill the duties of the office, which he promises to faithfully do if elected.

Each member of the populist finance committee of each community is requested by the president of the central club to report in person March 7th or send a substitute.

Mrs. Thomas L. Nugent leaves for Stephenville next Monday where she goes to make her home. Her many warm friends in Fort Worth regret very much that she finds it necessary for her to return to her old home.—Fort Worth Industrial Educator.

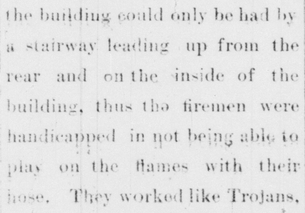
The attention of our readers is called to the announcement of Hugh McClellan in this paper for city attorney of McKinney. Mr. McClellan is well known to our citizenship as an honest, upright young man and it is useless to add that he will spare no efforts in serving the best interests of our city if elected to the office.

Milligan school closed with public exercises last Friday and a spelling at night. This was Jesse Spencer's third term at this place and he is still popular with his patrons.

CONFLAGRATION.

McKinney again Visited by the Fire Fiend.

LOSSES WILL PROBABLY AGGREGATE SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.



About midnight last night Ed McChesney discovered flames issuing from the second story of the Kentucky Store and turned in a fire alarm which aroused the slumbering inhabitants of our city and summoned them hurriedly into the streets to witness many thousand dollars worth of valuable property reduced to ashes and worthless debris.

When discovered the flames were bursting out of the rear windows of the second story of the Kentucky dry goods and clothing establishment on the northeast corner of the public square.

The fire boys responded with alacrity and were soon battling heroically with the fiery fiend, though at a great disadvantage.

Access to the second story of the building could only be had by a stairway leading up from the rear and on the inside of the building, thus the firemen were handicapped in not being able to play on the flames with their hose. They worked like Trojans, however, from the roof, front, and the narrow inclosure between the brick walls in the rear of the building. It was soon evident to Chief Burks and foreman Abernathy that if any portion of the east side was saved at all the flames must be checked at the heavy walls between Largent Bros., book store and P. E. Denton's pharmacy, although they stubbornly fought the further encroachment of the flames W. E. Ditto's grocery store adjoining and Largent Bros., book store were soon a seething, crackling mass of fire. As expected the further spread of the flames were checked here by the heavy brick walls above mentioned and the firemen manipulating their hose from the roof of the building in which THE DEMOCRAT is located and from the back yard of Denton's pharmacy. The awnings in front were torn away and steady streams of water were also directed from the front

The small one story brick between the Kentucky Store and McKinney & Hill was burned and for a time things looked 'murky' for The Budget. The fire department saved thousands of dollars in property last night and deserve all praise. THE DEMOCRAT again doffs its beaver, and along with others of our near neighbors, graciously salutes it as our savior once more in time of peril.

Following is a statement of approximate losses and insurance:

All the buildings burned belonged to Jesse Shain, value $24,000 insured for $14,000.

Kentucky Store stock, C. L. Young proprietor, value $25,000, insurance unknown,

W. E. Ditto, grocery stock, $6,500, insurance $3000.

Largent Bros., book store $12,000, insurance $5,500.

The Examiner printing office total loss, $3000, insurance $1500.

Daw & Jones, confectioners, about $300.

P. E. Denton's pharmacy stock badly damaged by removal. No insurance.

Heard & Pearce, groceries, stock damaged several hundred dollars. Fully insured.

Smith Bros., druggists, stock badly damaged. Insurance $4500

Rich Rambo, damaged about $300 by removal.

Doc Turner, barber, also sustained losses by removal.

Only a small portion of the Kentucky store stock was saved. A part of Ditto's stock of groceries were carried from the burning building while Largent Bros., stock was a total loss.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Thomson, Feb. 28, a baby girl.

J. K. P. Shrader is out for alderman of first ward. Jim has served McKinney in this capacity. He is a good business man, genial and numbers his friends by the legion.

George Henson has been released from jail on bond and he and his wife are now at the Foot Hous.

City Drug Store desires us to publish the following extract from a letter of Chas. M. Gutfeld, of Reedley, Fresno Co., Cal., as they handle the remedy referred to and want their customers to know what a splendid medicine it is

It is with pleasure I tell you that by one day's use of Chamberlain's Cough remedy I was relieved of a very severe cold. My head was completely stopped up and I could not sleep at night. I can recommend this remedy." A cold nearly always starts in the head and afterwards extends to the throat and lungs. By using this remedy freely as soon as the cold has been contracted it will cure the cold at once and prevent it from extending to the lungs.

Mrs. Etta Sumner, of Sherman, is attending the bedside of her sick sister, Mrs. F. C. Thompson, in this city.

Miss Helen Knighton, the amiable daughter of county tax collector A. W. Knighton, entertained the following young people, one evening recently, in honor of her guests Miss Gracie Hendrix and Lida Honaker: Misses Florence Melton, Sallie Bingham, Mary Rhea, Messrs Sam Moulden, Walter Wilson, Lawrence Rhea, and Claude Buck.

In the fall of 1893 a son of Mr. T. A. McFarland, a prominent merchant of Live Oak, Sutton Co., Cal., was taken with a very heavy cold. The pains in his chest were so severe that he had spasms and was threatened with pneumonia. His father gave him several large doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which broke up the cough and cured him. Mr. McFarland says whenever his children have croup he invariable gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always cures them. He considers it the best cough remedy in the market. For sale by City Drug Store.

Miss. Clark Reedy has returned to the Racket store as head milliner again for the coming season. This will be pleasing news to her many friends in McKinney and Collin county. Miss. Reedy is just back from a sojourn in the east.

J. G. Barnes announces for Alderman in to-day's paper. Mr. Barnes is a good business man, born and reared in collin county. He never before offered for office and hopes to be elected.

Afflicted for years.

Mr. R. B. Goodman, Marietta, Ga., says: 'I was troubled with rheumatism, which the doctors called sciatica, for a number of years, doctoring with everything I could hear of, without benefit, until I commenced with Dr. King's Royal Germetuer, which cured me sound and well. I was at times, for several months, so I could not walk at all. I have now been thoroughly well of it for four years, and think there is no medicine that can equal Germetuer." Write to The Atlanta Chemical Co., Atlanta, Ga., for 48 page book free. New package, large bottle, 108 doses, $1. For sale by Smith Bros.

Gold in the Bank of England.

The amount of gold in the Bank of England continues to increase. It is now valued at $44,725,000—a larger sum than it has ever reached before. It is stated that if it continues to pour in at the present rate it will become a positive source of embarrassment.

Can't.

The talk that comes from mouths of people who look wise but are not is nothing. A man may be a communicant, may be regular in prayer, and be a very bad man. I hate this cant that passes itself in the name of piety; the disposition to do things on Sunday and never think of them again until the next Sunday.—Rev. John Leal.

Truth.

Truth wins slowly, but it wins. All false men and false institutions and false cities and false notions must get out of the way.—Dr. Egbert.

Sickness and Sin.

There is no sickness of the body that has not its corresponding sickness of the soul. Leprosy of the body compares to sluggishness of the soul, consumption to timidity of the soul, fever to excitive, dropsy to pride, epilepsy, the [illegible] to deafness and insensibility in the service of God.—Ex.

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[illegible] dull-witted
[illegible] in art upon
[illegible] and to beauty
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Hundreds of Libel Suits.

Three hundred and eighty-six distinct libel suits have been begun by as many priests against the Paris Journal, on account of an article reflecting on the clergy of the Hautes Pyrenees. Each priest asks for $20 damages, and if they win the result of each lawsuit will be printed in five newspapers of Toulouse, as many of Bordeaux, and in twelve newspapers in the department.

McKINNEY MARKETS.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 20.

Cotton	7 to 7½cts.
Wheat per bus	30 to 50cts.
Corn " "	20 to 22cts.
Oats " "	10 to 15cts.
Hay, baled, per ton	$4.00 to $5.00
Millet hay per ton	$5.00 to $6.00
Flour per cwt	$2.00 to 2.30
Meal " bus	35cts.
Chops per cwt	70cts.
Bran " cwt	60cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 15cts.
Eggs per doz	7 to 8cts.
Lard per lb	8 to 10cts.
Hogs per cwt	$3.20
Beef on foot per cwt	$1.80 , $2.00.
" dressed " lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4¼ cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.50 to $2.00
Cotton seed per ton	$9.00.

Go to P. E. Denton for fresh drugs.

Ditto's for best groceries at low price

Spend your nickles at the Nickle Store.

Make a dash for long life by dashing for Denton's Pharmacy.

Old newspapers for sale at The Democrat office. Price, 25 cents, per hundred.

Ditto's for beauty of Hebron and Burbank seed potatoes.

We wish to announce to the public that we are prepared to furnish the famous remedy, Mi-cro-line, that has created such astonishing cures and worked such miracles, causing such excitement in medical circles by its most marvelous curative properties. There is no other remedy like it, and it is daily curing cases all over the state that have refused to yield to other treatment. It is a certain cure for Rheumatism, Catarrh, Cancerous sores, Blood, Liver and Kidney Diseases Don't fail to try it. Sold by
ERWIN & FANT,
WALLACE & EVERETT,
Druggists.

A slight cough is a slight thing, but it may become serious; do not hesitate to buy a bottle of Dr. Simmons Cough Syrup, it will cure you. Satisfaction guaranteed. For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

Ditto's for N.Y. early rose, peerless Jackson white seed potatoes

Melton is still in the lead when it comes to groceries.

Mr. Hinkle, an old citizen of McKinney but now of the Pan Handle, has been in the city this week. He became the owner of a fine bull, and while leading him through the streets was accosted by a friend and asked where he got him. He said he traded a half section of land for him, and learning the man could not read deeded him a full section —Enquirer.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Bring your country produce to T. J. Melton.

How to Cure Rheumatism.

ARAGO, COOS CO., OREGON, NOV. 10 1893.—I wish to inform you of the great good Chamberlain's Pain Balm has done my wife. She has been troubled with rheumatism of the arms and hands for six months, and has tried many remedies prescribed for that complaint but found no relief until she used this Pain Balm; one bottle of which has completely cured her. I take pleasure in recommending it for that trouble. Yours truly, C. A. BULLORD. 50 cent and $1.00 bottles for sale by City Drug Store.

Buy your seed potatoes and garden seeds of Melton.

County court began to grind Monday and the following is the result: Joe Mounts, gaming, not guilty, Sylvester Oliver, gaming, fine $10. Sam Standifer, pistol charge, fine $25. Jones Payne, theft under $20, not guilty.

What the Shakers of Mount Lebanon know more about than anybody else, is the use of herbs and how to be healthy. They have studied the power of food. They nearly all live to a ripe old age. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is prepared by the Shakers from herbs and plants with a special tonic power over the stomach. It helps the stomach digest its food, and digested food is the strength-maker. Strong muscles, strong body, strong brains, all come from properly digested food. A sick stomach can be cured and digestion made easy by Shaker Digestive Cordial. It cures the nausea, loss of appetite, pain in the stomach, headache, giddiness weakness and all the other symptoms of indigestion, certafuly and permanently. Sold by druggists. Trial bottle 10 cents.

All persons indebted to the firm of Lewis & Ditto please come in and pay off your accounts or make satisfactory arrangements for settlement.

Prescriptions filled with purest drugs and whiskies or brandy at
City Drug Store.

Don't neglect to get your neighbors to take The Democrat during this campaign year.

R. G Hughes will sell you an organ or piano at factory prices. Office with J. T. Couch, McKinney.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

Ditto's for Triumph potatoes.

Onion sets at Melton's.

Any of our subscribers who wish to exchange any product of the farm should call and see us at once.

Prevention
better than cure. Tutt's Liver Pills will not only cure, but if taken in time will prevent
Sick Headache,
dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria, constipation, jaundice, torpid liver and kindred diseases.
TUTT'S Liver PILLS
ABSOLUTELY CURE.

Some Trade Winners!
AT
The Mississppi Store.
Will pay you to come and see 'em.

Nice Line of New Prints at 5c.
Nice Line of Apron Check Ginghams at 5c Yd.
Nice Line of Dress Ginghams at 5c Yd.
Extra Quality 4-4 Sea Island Domestic at 5c Yd.
Extra Quality Cotton Checks at 5c Yd.
Schoolboy Jeans 20c Yd.
See Our Line of Hamburg Embroideries at 5c and 10c Yd.
Beautiful Line of New Swiss and Nainsook Embroideries just receivedd.
Special Bargains in Ladies Handkerchiefs at 5c each.

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!

Men's Oil Grain Congress Plow Shoes, fresh and new, special Bagains, $1.00 P
Boys' Plow Shoes, good ones, at $1.00
Men's Casco Calf Shoes worth $2.00 at $1.50.
Ladies Kid Button shoes 75 Pair
Ladies Glove Grain Button Shoes $1.00 Pr.
Children's School Shoes 50c to $1.00 Pr.
Elegant Line Ladies Slippers and Oxford Ties just received.

GREAT BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.

Good Jeans Pants 75c Pr.
All-wool filling Mississippi Jeans Pants for $1.25.
Cassimer Jeans Pants $1.00
Best all-wool $2.50 Cassimer pants in McKinney.
Call us for UP-TO-DATE CLOTHING in Full Suits.
Big Stock of Men's and Boys Hats Just Received. Best and Latest Styles.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.
WATCH THE
Mississippi Store.
Respectfully,
Perry, Oldham & Co.

Mrs. Belle Stiff-Kelley returned to-day from New York.

The grocery firm of Lewis & Ditto having dissolved partnership on the first day of Jan. 1896, by mutual consent, the business will be continued by W. E. Ditto, who will guarantee and use his best efforts to serve in the future their many friends and patrons as they have in the past. Thanking our many friends for their liberal patronage.

We remain very truly
H. LEWIS,
W. E. DITTO

Referring to the above I will say I am under many obligations to the good people of McKinney and Collin county for their liberal patronage. I highly recommend my successor to the public and ask for him the same liberal patronage, and assure you the same courteous treatment, fair dealing, etc., in the future as in the past.

Respectfully,
HENRY LEWIS.

To Populist Clubs.

I see that clubs are being organized throughout the county. Let every People's Party Club in the county be represented by delegates at the meeting of the Central club in McKinney March 7th. The meeting will be called to order at Populist Headquarters on East Virginia street at 10 o'clock sharp, not a minute later. Each club is entitled to one delegate for every ten members or fraction thereof. Let every club be fully represented. E. C. FORBES, Plano, Tex., Feb. 24, '96. Pres.

All of munyon's homoepathic remedies on hand at Smith Bros., druggest east side square.

The talk of the town and country among all parties, is to the effect that The Democrat is an excellent local paper.

Eloping With Groceries.

Can be forgiven under certain circumstances.

Human nature could hardly withstand the temptation to take some of our Louisana Syrup, American family brand Salmon or some of our full cream cheese. They cannot be beat for quality or price. A full line of garden seeds on hand. Yours truly.
T. J. MELTON.

Democratic Convention, Chicago, Ills.
July 7th, 1896.

The Wabash Railroad is the best line from St. Louis to Chicago, with its three daily trains, magnificent equipment of vestibuled trains with Cafe and Library Cars, Buffet Parlor Cars, Free Reclining Chair Cars and Buffet and Compartment Sleeping Cars. See that your tickets read via. the Wabash. C. C. CRANE, G. P. & T. A., St. Louis, Mo.

W. F. CONNOR.
S. W. P. A. Dallas Texas.

Smith Bros. have made a specialty of prescriptions for the past ten years and keep the most complete and purest stock of prescription goods ever brought to McKinney.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

Symptoms—Moisture; intense itching and stinging, most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching, and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggist, or by mail, for 50 cts. Dr. Swayne & Son Philadelphia.

Buy the Kingsbury piano.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is unequalled for Eczema, Tetter, Salt-Rheum, Scald Head, Sore Nipples, Chapped Hands, Itching Piles, Burns, Frost Bites, Chronic Sore Eyes and Granulated Eye Lids. For sale by druggists at 25 cents per box.

TO HORSE OWNERS.

For putting a horse in a fine healthy condition try Dr. Cady's Condition Powders. They tone up the system, aid digestion, cure loss of appetite, relieve constipation, correct kidney disorders and destroy worms, giving new life to an old or over-worked horse. 25 cents per package. For sale by druggists.

Nickle Store for bargains.

J. J. Rogers will call on his many friends in Collin county in the near future and endeavor to sell them a first-class organ or piano at such low figures that 'twill make their heads dizzy.

Look out! for J. J. Rogers, the organ and piano man.

Now is the time for cough and la grippe cures and you can find all the standard ones at City Drug Store.

For the old celebrated McGale whiskey call at Denton's Pharmacy. This is a pure brand, has been analyzed and is kept for medical purposes only and Denton is the sole dealer of it in McKinney. When you buy always buy the best. The above named brand has been thoroughly tested. Don't forget the place, Denton's reliable Pharmacy on the East Side.

GOOD NEWSPAPERS
at a Very Low Price.

The Semi-Weekly News (Galveston or Dallas) is published Tuesdays and Fridays Each issue consists of 8 pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc. We offer

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BUSINESS BARGAINS.

In This Column will be Found Items of Interest to Those who Would Save Money.

Buy the Kingsbury piano.

Ditto's for onion sets and seeds, Prize taker and other varieties.

Grand rush to Denton's Pharmacy. Fall in; keep step with the crowd.

Take your produce to W.D. Goostree's for the best market prices.

Large and small window glass—all sizes—at City Drug Store.

Now is the time for chapped hands and lips, for a remedy go to Smith Bros. Druggists, east side square.

M. B. Rexrode will sell you a Chicago Cottage organ, the most popular organ in the South-West, on time to suit purchaser. Discount for cash.

Did you ever try our extracts of lemon and vanilla, they are our own manufacture and are absolutely pure? Smith Bros., Druggists, E. side square.

My stock of groceries is complete and fresh. My prices cannot be beaten Give me a trial.—W. D Goostree.

Just received, fifty new styles of tablets and have envelopes to match. Smith Bros., Druggists, east side square.

The famous Nickel Store's popularity increases with age.

We will compound your prescriptions at any hour, night or day—night bell on front window. Smith Bros. Druggists, east side square.

Many spurious imitations but only one genuine Denton's Pharmacy in the world.

This is the season for coughs and colds We carry 30 kinds of remedies. Smith Bros., Druggists, east side squ're

Go to M. B. Rexrode, one door south of the Collin County bank, and buy the best organ in the market.

Ha there, you old rheumatic! Buy Denton's drugs and stop grunting.

We have quite a variety of combs, hair brushes, tooth brushes, tooth powder, face powder and other toilet articles. Smith Bros. Druggists.

Denton's Pharmacy is the best known drug store in North Texas.

Music! Go to J. T. Couch and buy you some, cheap. Bingham block, McKinney, Texas.

Democrats, republicans and populists all agree that trading with the Nickle Store is the best financial policy.

Denton's Pharmacy is neat as a pin and contains nothing but the freshest of drugs.

To merchants in the country—If you have prescriptions that you do not carry the stock to fill, give us a call. We believe we carry a much larger stock than any one in McKinney. Smith Bros., Druggists, east side square.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Three hundred and twenty acres of land near Breckinridge, Stephens county, Texas; all under fence. Call or write to The Democrat for further information.

As to prices on same quality of goods no one can undersell us Smith Bros Druggists, east side square.

When in McKinney bring your families to W. D. Goostree's grocery store and see his large stock.

Our spring stock of wall paper, the largest ever brought to McKinney, and the prices will astonish you. Call and see at City Drug Store.

The best is the cheapest, the purest is the best. Palace Car paint is guaranteed absolutely pure by
J. M. Wilcox & Son.

A BUSINESS CHANCE.—If you want to buy a half interest in a first-class machine and blacksmith shop in Ardmore, I. T., call or write to The Democrat, McKinney, Texas. Terms one-half cash, balance in notes.

M. B. Rexrode, one door south of the Collin County bank will sell you an organ cheaper than any dealer in McKinney, quality considered, either the Chicago, Cottage, Packard, Miller or Sterling. Also will order a piano either of 22 different makes at a closer margin than any dealer in the county, cash or installment. Give him a call. All instruments guaranteed for five years.

REMEMBER

That we only use the best and purest drugs that money will buy in our prescriptions. Smith Bros., Druggists, east side square.

Palace Car paint is the only chemically pure paint, ground in chemically pure linseed oil, on the market, and is sold under an absolute guarantee by J. M. Wilcox & Son.

TO PHYSICIANS.

We manufacture all our tinctures and syrups from assayed drugs according to last revision of U. S. Pharmacopia and guarantee their purity and strength. Smith Bros., Druggists, east side square.

"How to Cure All Skin Diseases."

Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, &c., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for Swayne's Ointment.

Pitcher's Castoria.
Children Cry for

Do you want an organ cheap? If you do, see me at once and I can supply you with any of the following makes: Estey, Camp & Co, Newman Bros, and Western Cottage. J. T. Couch, Bingham block, McKinney, Texas.

Wonders of the age at the Nickel store—call and see for yourself.

Ditto's for onion seed, also garden seed in bulk.

We contract paint work and paper hanging and will guarantee satisfaction at City Drug Store.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

We guarantee Palace Car paint to be chemically pure, to cover more, last longer and make the finest finish of any paint in the market.
J. M. Wilcox & Son.

Never confuse sentiment with business. If I can't cure you, I don't want your money. Respectfully,
DR. SIMMONS, Cough Syrup Co.
For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

No Venezuelan or Transvaal Disputes

Not a Question of Boundary when Maps and Charts laid away years ago and Commissioners Appointed at great expense to settle where, &c., but it is. . .

New Quarters, full of New Goods at Prices Cheap

in keeping with the quality. The place is first door above G. W. Fox's, where you will find the celebrated

B. F. AVERY & SON'S BLACK LAND PLOWS

Avery Spring Trip Cultivator (walking and riding), the Genuine Avery Check-Row Corn Planter, the Celebrated Steel Front and Rear Hound

O'BRIEN WAGON,

Has tongue and groove tire. See this wagon; also complete line of Racine Buggies and Carriages. Come to see us. Mr. Shrader will be pleased to see his old friends, and I will do what I can to merit your patronage. I invite all my old friends while in the dry goods business to visit us and know us as hardwear.

Very truly,

J. C. WYLIE.

F. EMERSON, President. T. T. EMERSON, Vice-President. T. H. EMERSON Cashier

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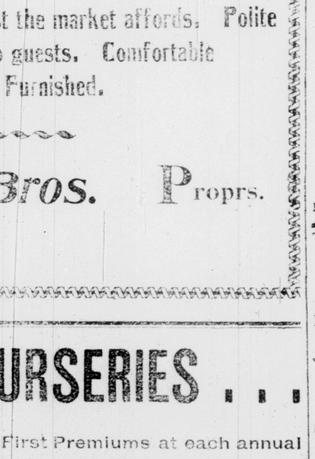

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Fruits and Trees take All First Premiums at each annual State Fair. Our Competitors Abandon the Field.

If you have no Orchard of

JAPAN PLUM or
JAPAN PERSIMMONS
CHINESE Pears or peaches

You are "Not In It"

We have the BEST of Everything at Reasonable prices. Plant our choice Trees.

Send your orders Without Delay.

E. W. Kirkpatrick,
McKinney, Texas.

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for Violin, Guitar, Mandolin, Banjo
Finest Made. Extra Plated.
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No. 1. UNCLE SAM:—Ladies and gentlemen, we are glad to welcome you at our show this evening. At great expense to the American people we have collected this monster aggregation of political curiosities to which it is our pleasure to now invite your attention. Without further preliminaries we will first invite your attention to the leading feature of our entertainment, on the right. This oddly shaped creature seated upon this golden platform is known as the Banker's Idol or the Fat Fisherman of Buzzard's Bay. It is of the species known as mugwump whose place of nativity is the state of New York. The origin of this animal is somewhat involved in doubt, but it is supposed to be a cross between a Brittish tory and a grizzly bear. It is a very prolific species and while it has existed only about fifteen years the race has extended to every state in the union. It subsists on wild ducks, bottled fish-bait and bond-syndicate-slush, principally on the two last named. It is not a ferocious beast, except when aroused by starving working men clamoring for bread, when it will fly at them and crush them by its mighty power.

Taken all in all it is supposed to be nearer to the missing link between man and brute than anything yet discovered.

No. 2. I next invite your attention to this cage of many colored fowls to the left of the Idol. These birds are known as administration cuckoos. You will note that they eye the Idol incessantly and at every movement of his, voice their approval by crowing lustily and by other manifestations of delight. The phenominal part of their nature is the fact that they are delighted no matter what his actions may be; if he stands on his feet they are delighted, if he sits down they applaud, and if he lays down they are filled with happiness. They are the only objects, except bankers and bond syndicates, on which the Idol bestows any favors. He feeds them daily on the crumbs of patronage that falls from his table; this is supposed to be the reason of their attachment to him. These birds are all named and readily answer to their names when called by the Idol. This starved looking buff is Carlisle or "Straight Whiskey John" as he is sometimes called. This dominecker with a top knot is J. Sterling Morton; this stump-tail brown is "Riley" Hall of Missouri; this old rooster with pale gills and stringy tail feathers is Roger Queer Mills. He sometimes becomes obstinate and refuses to crow until the Idol throws him a few crumbs and calls him by name and then he joins in with the chorus.

No. 3. I will next call your attention to this curiosity in this glass case. It is a relic of the campaign of 1892; the financial plank of the national democratic platform. Look at it from this point and you will observe that it seems to be made of solid silver. Now step around to the east side of the case and you will see that it seems to be solid gold. It was invented by Mr. William C. Whitney of New York for the purpose of uniting the two factions in the democratic party; and it is to this ingenius device of Mr. Whitney's that the "Fat Fisherman" owes his election in 1892.

No. 4. Here we have a relic of the campaign of 1894. As you will observe it is only a two-bit "Barlow" knife; but it played an important part in the campaign in the fifth congressional district of Texas. It is the property of Hon. Joe Bailey and was used by him during his debates with his opponent, for the purpose of making his gestures more impressive. On one occasion it is said he used this simple article with great dramatic effect—which gained for him the title of "Barlow Bailey"

No. 5. Next we have the famous Ohio mummy John Sherman. From his appearance you would suppose him to be lifeless; but yet he has great energy and activity. He gets $5000 per year for turning the crank which works the famous antomaton which we first exhibited to you.

No. 6, This group here are our celebrated free silver crow eaters. These men do not perform the feat of "crow eating" simply for the entertainment of our audiences and for pay. On the contrary they have subsisted entirely on that diet for 22 years. They protest that they do not like such food, yet they remain with our show and work for their board which consists entirely of crow. They are at present fasting preparatory to our great crow eating carnival which will begin July 7. At that time these gentlemen propose to break the record at crow eating; they will readily devour birds in the most advanced stages decomposition to prove to the people how strong their stomachs are.

No. 7. Now, my friends, I will present to you our last and greatest attraction—the most wonderful invention of the age, One which lays Edison's wonderful achievements all in the shade. This, my friends is the wonderful "African automatic voting machine." It was invented in 1892 by Mr. Boykin Wright of Augusta, Georgia. It is used in the manufacture of artificial democratic majorities. This invention has been patented by a syndicate of southern democrats of which Gov. Oates of Alabama is president and the Rev. J. C. C. Black, M. C. of Georgia, is spiritual adviser. In the hands of a skillful operator its capacity is wonderful. In 1894 Mr. Wright produced in one day a democratic majority of 14,000 in a county which contained only 8,000 voters. The company is constantly receiving testimonials from communities where territory has been sold showing records equal to that performed in Richmond county. The democratic leaders in the entire south are noting the fact that this invention is the only salvation of the party and are urging its adoption. Hundreds of counties in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas have been sold, with some few scattering ones in Texas, Tennessee, the Carolinas and Virginia. I should add here that it is only adapted to communities containing a large African population.

The patentees have out a large number of agents selling county and congressional district rights. Before November the desirable territory will undoubtedly be sold. I would therefore advise campaign committees to send in their orders early if they wish to be in the swim.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, this concludes our exhibition for to-day. We are expecting a new lot of curiosities soon and when we receive them we would be glad to see you again in our museum.

Thanking you for your patronage and kind attention, we bid you Good evening.

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Plano, Feb. 29, '96.

Culleoka Cullings.

Our little town is on a boom, two Doctors located here and three others in town to day.

Mrs. Sims has been quite sick for the last week, Boorman was called in to day.

A good deal of sickness in our neighborhood. Some carpentering is going on in town, Mat Snavely is putting a new roof on his dwelling.

Mr. Sims, our black smith, is at work at the delivery wagon which was purchased by our enterprising merchant Mr. Cosby.

Prof. Ledbetter of Culleoka was married to Miss Laura Coffey of McKinney. May their pathway be strewn with brightest flowers is the wish of the scribe.

Mrs Cosby received a very valuable birthday present which was a sewing machine.

Mr. Callis happened to a very serious accident a few days ago; his team became frightened and started to run and caught him against a tree. Dr. Hooper was summond immediately.

Preaching last Sunday by the Rev. Kenedy at Pleasant Hill.

Mr. Mat Snavely made a flying trip to Farmersville yesterday.

Miss Mabel Wagg has been confined to her bed, but is slowly improving.

Mr. John Snavely has had a severe attack of La Grippe.

Mis Maggie McGraw was visiting Mrs. Cosley yesterday.

Tom and Terma.

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Political Dates.

Populist national convention, St. Louis, July 22.

Republican national convention St. Louis, June 16.

Democratic national convention Chicago, July 7.

Collin county populist precinct conventions August 1.

The Collin county populist nominating convention meets in McKinney, Aug. 8.

Democratic state convention, (called by Chairman Dudley's committee) in Austin, June 23, to elect delegates to the national convention.

Democratic state nominating convention (called by Chairman Dudley's committee) meets in Fort Worth Aug. 18.

Democratic primary (called by Chairman Dudley) June 6 to select delegates to the Austin convention June 23 and to Fort Worth convention Aug. 18; also to determine the democratic party's financial policy.

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

[MISS CORA CALDWELL OFFICIAL EDITOR.]

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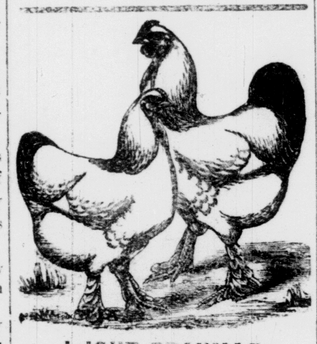

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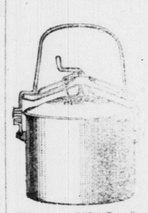

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